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CINCINNATI POLICE OFFICER INDICTED ON FRAUD CHARGES

CINCINNATI - A federal grand jury here indicted Adrian D. Mitchell, age 35, charging him with mail fraud, wire fraud and bank fraud in connection with a real estate related business he operated. Mitchell became a sworn Cincinnati Police officer in 2004.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Gerald A. O'Farrell, Assistant Inspector in Charge, United States Postal Inspection Service; Jose A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division, Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., and Springfield Township Police Chief David J. Heimpold announced the indictment returned yesterday and unsealed today.

The indictment alleges that Mitchell operated a real estate related business known as R.I.C.H. Properties and/or R.I.C.H. Investments. Through this business, Mitchell solicited customers who were in financial distress from defaulted residential real estate loans and offered his services to help them with their financial difficulties.

The indictment charges that Mitchell employed a scheme that defrauded the widow of one of his clients out of \$188,327.38 in benefits of a life insurance policy held by that client after he died. The indictment also accuses Mitchell of creating false and fraudulent documents in attempts to secure loans on at least four other pieces of property.

The indictment charges Mitchell with 10 counts of mail fraud and one count of wire fraud, each punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment, and one count of bank fraud punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment.

Mitchell has a detention hearing set for Friday, May 9 at 11 a.m. before United States Magistrate Judge Timothy S. Black.

An indictment is merely an accusation. All defendants should be presumed innocent until and unless the government proves their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt in court.

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